

IN THE MATTER OF
CARLA BEDFORD

BEFORE THE
TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

AGREED CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

On the 14 day of June, 2019, this matter was heard before the Texas Medical Board (the Board). Carla Bedford (Respondent) has waived any right to a hearing. Upon the recommendation of the Board's staff and with the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings and Conclusions of Law. Michelle A. McFaddin, Board staff attorney, prepared this Order.

FINDINGS

The Board finds that:

1. Respondent received all notice required by law and all jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.
2. Respondent is not licensed to practice medicine in Texas.
3. Respondent is the owner and operator of Med Spa Studios, an entity that provided medical spa services at a fitness center, TELOS Fitness Center, located at 13701 Dallas Parkway in Dallas, Texas. On or around October 7, 2018, Respondent moved her practice to her residence located at 4032 Carmichael Drive in Plano, Texas 71524.
4. Respondent advertised Med Spa Studios' non-invasive cosmetic procedures on a commercial website, MedSpaStudios.com, prior to and during August, 2018. The advertised procedures included stem microneedling, botox, fillers/Juvederm, and microblading among others. These procedures are medical procedures, as defined in Board Rule 193.17(b), that can only be performed by Texas-licensed physicians or their delegates since these procedures involve the injection of medications or substances for cosmetic purposes and/or the use of prescription medical devices (lasers) for cosmetic purposes.
5. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation of the allegations related to this Order. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

Respondent neither admits nor denies she has intentionally, knowingly or voluntarily engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine in violation of Section 165, Subchapter D.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on these Findings, the Board concludes that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN.
2. Section 165.052(a) of the Medical Practice Act authorizes the Board to issue a cease and desist order prohibiting a person from engaging in any activity in violation of the Act.
3. Section 165.151 of the Medical Practice Act provides that a person commits an offense if the person violates the Medical Practice Act or any rule of the Texas Medical Board.
4. Section 155.001 of the Medical Practice Act provides that a person may not practice medicine in this state unless the person holds a license.
5. Section 151.002(A)(13) of the Medical Practice Act provides that a person engages in the practice of medicine when the person diagnoses, treats or offers to treat a mental or physical disease or disorder or a physical deformity or injury by any system or method, or attempts to effect cures of those conditions, when the person publically professes to be a physician or surgeon or directly or indirectly charges money or other compensation for those services.
6. Section 165.159 of the Medical Practice Act provides that a person commits an offense if the person practices medicine without complying with the registration requirement imposed by the Act.
7. Sections 165.101 and 165.103 of the Medical Practice Act provide that any violation of this Order constitutes grounds for imposing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation, and for recovery of the reasonable expenses of litigation, by action of the Attorney General, and each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation.
8. Board Rule 187.84 authorizes the Board to either impose an administrative penalty for violation of a cease and desist order or to refer the matter to the Attorney General to institute action for an injunction against violation of the order, any administrative penalty

assessed by the Board; any civil penalty assessed in accordance with Section 165.101 of the Medical Practice Act, expenses incurred in accordance with Section 165.103 of the Medical Practice Act, and any other remedy provided by law.

ORDER

Based on the Findings and Conclusions of Law the Board ORDERS that:

1. Respondent is prohibited from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the State of Texas.
2. To the extent Respondent has violated Section 165 of the Medical Practice Act, Respondent shall cease and desist any practice of medicine in the State of Texas on the effective date of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order constitutes grounds for imposing an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation, and/or each day of a continuing violation, of the Medical Practice Act or the Healing Arts Identification Act.

RESPONDENT WAIVES THE RIGHT TO A HEARING PURSUANT TO THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, §165.052, AND 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 187, AS APPLICABLE, AND ALL RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, TEX. GOV'T CODE, CHAPTER 2001, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO NOTICE AND HEARING, AND TO ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO THIS ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES TO THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER AND AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

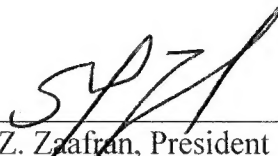
[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

I, CARLA BEDFORD, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ORDER. MY SIGNATURE BELOW IS VOLUNTARY. THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN, OR OTHERWISE. I HAVE SIGNED THIS ORDER ON THE 10 DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



Carla Bedford
Respondent

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the presiding officer of the Texas Medical Board on this
14 day of June, 2019.



Sherif Z. Zafran, President
Texas Medical Board